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SUMMARY: FINAL PRELIMINARY ELECTION RETURNS COMPILED BY THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL (CSE) SHOW THAT AD'S CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS BY A MARGIN OF NEARLY 12 PCT OVER COPEI'S LORENZO FERNANDEZ, AND THAT AD HAS GAINED MAJORITIES IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS. END SUMMARY

1. FINAL PRELIMINARY ELECTION RETURNS ISSUED BY THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 13 SHOW THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF THE VOTES FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES:

	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
TOTAL VOTES	4,308,703	
VALID VOTES	4,127,526	95.79
NULL VOTSS	181,177	4.20
CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ	2,006,214	48.60
LORENZO FERNANDEZ	1,518,385	36.78
JESUS A. PAZ GALARRAGA	210,513	5.10
JOSE VICENTE RANGEL	174,954	4.23

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JOVITO VILLALBA	126,401	3.06
MIGUAL A. BURELLI RIVAS	31,753	.76
PEDRO TINOCO	28,451	.68
MARTIN GARCIA VILLASMIL	11,198	.27
GERMAN BORREGALES	8,665	.20
PEDRO SEGIINI LA CRUZ	5,845	.14
RAIMUNDO VERDE ROJAS	3,521	.08
ALBERTO SOLANO	1,626	.03

2. FINAL PRELIMINARY FIGURES FOR THE "SMALL CARD" (NATIONAL CONGRESS, STATE LEGISLATURES, AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS) VOTE ARE AS FOLLOW:

	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
TOTAL VOTES	4,308,703	
VALID VOTES	4,136,630	96.00
NULL VOTES	172,073	3.99
ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD)	1,833,730	44.32
PARTIDO SOCIAL CRISTIANO COPEI	1,252,761	3.028
MOVIMIENTO AL SOCIALISMO (MAS)	216,473	5.23
MOVIMIENTO ELECTORAL DE PUEBLO (MEP)	207,785	5.02
CRUZADA CIVICA NACIONALISTA (CC)	178,089	4.30
UNION REPUBLICANA DEMOCRATICA (URD)	132,780	3.20
FUERZA DEMOCRATICA POPULAR (FDP)	51,347	1.24
PARTIDO COMUNISTA VENEZOLANO (PCV)	49,453	1.19
MOVIMIENTO IZQUIERDISTA REVOLUCIONARIO (MIR)	42,106	.73
OPINION NACIONAL (OPINA)	30,531	.73
PARTIDO NACIONAL INTEGRACIONISTA (PNI)	29,226	.70
INDEPENDIENTES PREOGRESISTAS (IP)	25,928	.62
FRENTE UNIDO NACIONALISTA (FUN)	14,604	.35
MOVIMIENTO DE ACCION NACIONAL (MAN)	11,746	.28
PARTIDO SOCIALISTA DEMOCRATICO (PSD)	11,462	.27
FRENTE NACIONAL DEMOCRATICA (FND)	10,713	.25

(23 OTHER PARTIES AND COALITIONS--LESS THAN 10,000 VOTES EACH.)

3. THE ABOVE FIGURES WILL BE REVISED SLIGHTLY WHEN SEVERAL THOUSAND VOTES NOT YET COMPUTED ARE PROCESSED AND ALL THE FIGURES ARE RE-CHECKED.

4. PEREZ WON IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT, THE TWO FEDERAL TERRITORIES, AND ALL 20 STATES EXCEPT ZULIA (WON BY FERNANDEZ) AND NUEVA UNCLASSIFIED

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ESPARTA (WON BY NATIVE SON VILLALBA). HIS MARGINS OF VICTORY WERE ESPECIALLY LARGE IN THE TRADITIONAL AD STRONGHOLDS OF THE EAST AND THE PLAINS, WHERE IN SEVERAL STATES HE RECEIVED MORE THAN TWICE THE VOTE OF FERNANDEZ. INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT AD HAS WON 28 OF 47 SENATE SEATS (NOT COUNTING THE TWO TO BE HELD BY EX-PRESIDENT BETANCOURT AND PRESIDENT CALDERA), AND 102 OF 203 SEATS IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, THUS GAINING MAJORITIES IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS. THE AD SWEEP IN THE STATE LEGISLATURES

AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS WAS EQUALLY IMPRESSIVE.

5. A COMPLETE TABULATION OF THE FINAL, OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

WILL BE FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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